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| In re: | Patent Application of Gerhard Wollmann, <i>et al.</i> | : Group Art Unit: 1616 : : : |
| Appln. No.: | 09/923,629 | : Examiner: Barbara P. Badio, Ph.D. : : |
| Filed: | August 7, 2001 | : : : |
| For: | PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING STEROLS FROM FATTY ACID PRODUCTION RESIDUES | : Attorney Docket : No.: C 2272 COGG : |

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including May 12, 2003 (May 10, 2003 being a Saturday), including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections, in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are currently pending in the present application.

In Paper No. 8, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3 and 6-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,703,252 of Hunt, *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as "Hunt '252"), in combination with U.S. Pat. No. 5,670,669 of Hunt, *et al.* (hereinafter referred to as "Hunt '669"). Specifically, the Examiner contends that Hunt '252 discloses a

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- PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (2 pgs.)
- REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION (6 pgs.)